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FOR S/PRS; DEPT. PASS NSC FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI AND
WHITE HOUSE FOR MR. POWELL

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TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.), PFOR, IS, XF, US

SUBJECT: TOAST BY SECRETARY VANCE AT KNESSET DINNER
FEBRUARY 16, 1977

1. MR. MINISTER, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:
TODAY HAS BEEN A MEMORABLE AND MOVING DAY FOR
ME. IT BEGAN WHEN I AWOKE AND LOOKED OUT MY
WINDOW TO SEE THE SUN RISING ABOVE THE WALLS OF
THE OLD CITY IN ALL OF ITS BEAUTY. I WAS DEEPLY
MOVED LATER IN THE MORNING WHEN I ATTENDED
THE MEMORIAL OF THE HOLOCAUST. IT IS HARD TO
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BELIEVE THAT SOMETHING LIKE THAT COULD EVER HAVE
TAKEN PLACE ON THE GLOBE. IT IS A TRAGIC
CHAPTER IN OUR HISTORY THAT SHOULD NEVER
BE REPEATED.

2. I DEEPLY APPRECIATED THE MEETINGS WHICH
I HAD DURING THE DAY, STARTING WITH A MEETING

WITH YOUR PRIME MINISTER AND THEN WITH THE OTHER LEADERS OF YOUR COUNTRY. THEY FULFILLED MY FONDEST EXPECTATIONS. THEY WERE CONDUCTED WITH FRANKNESS AND SINCERITY AND I CAME AWAY FROM THEM WITH AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE POSITION OF YOUR LEADERS AND OF THE CONCERNS WHICH YOU HAVE.

3. I NOW WILL GO TO THE OTHER CAPITALS IN THESE NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND WILL LEARN FROM THE LEADERS OF THOSE COUNTRIES THEIR VIEWS ABOUT THE SEARCH FOR PEACE. MY PRUPOSE WHEN I CAME UPON THIS TRIP WAS TO LEARN HOW WE, THE U.S., MIGHT BETTER SERVE TO FACILITATE THE RPOCESS OF STARTING THE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND THEN HELPING TO MOVE IT TOWARDS THE CONCLUSION WHICH WE ALL SO DEEPLY PRAY FOR.

4. WE ARE DEEPLY COMMITTED TO PLAYING A ROLE IN HELPING ACHIEVE THIS END. LET THERE BE NO DOUBT OF THAT. WE SHALL WORK WITH YOU IN FULL CONSULTATION AS WE WILL WITH THE LEADERS OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH WILL BE INVOLVED.

5. THE ROAD WILL NOT BE AN EASY ONE AND I AM SURE THAT PEACE CANNOT BE ACHIEVED QUICKLY BUT THAT SHOULD NOT DETER US FROM COMMENCING THIS PROCESS AND FROM DEVOTING EVERY EFFORT THAT WE HAVE TO MOVE TO THIS END.

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6. WE SHALL PERSEVERE. WE SHARE YOUR DREAM OF PEACE AND TOGETHER IN THE END I BELIEVE IT CAN BE ACHIEVED. SO I RAISE MY GLASS AND DRINK TO YOU, MR. MINISTER, AND TO THE PEOPLES OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND TO PEACE. VANCE UNQUOTE VANCE

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